

**Claims**

1. A device for preparing a beverage, comprising:
- 5 - a water reservoir;
- a chamber connected to said reservoir for delivering water;
- means for filling said chamber with water;
- means for emptying water from said chamber;
- 10 - a compressed-gas reservoir with a three-way valve for displacing said means so as to empty said chamber; and
- a conduit conveying the water from said chamber to above an extraction head.
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2. The device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the chamber for delivering water has a volume of between 10 and 1000 cc, preferably between 50 and 150 cc.
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3. The device as claimed in one of claims 1 or 2, characterized in that the means for emptying water from the chamber are means using the pressure of the gas in order to empty said chamber.
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4. The device as claimed in one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the means for filling said chamber with water are gravitation means or mechanical means.
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5. The device as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that the gas is chosen from the group consisting of air, CO<sub>2</sub> and nitrogen monoxide.
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6. The device as claimed in one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that the extraction head is a head for pre-measured filter-paper capsules or sealed capsules.

7. The device as claimed in one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that the water reservoir is a thermally-insulated hot-water reservoir.

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8. The device as claimed in one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that it comprises a heating system surrounding the chamber.

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9. The device as claimed in one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that it comprises a heating system between the chamber and the extraction head.

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10. The device as claimed in one of claims 1 to 9, characterized in that the chamber has a substantially cylindrical shape.